



School Crossing Patrols

School Crossing Patrols have the legal authority to stop traffic for **anyone** who needs assistance to cross a busy road. Their primary role is to assist children going to and from school but they can also help adults cross the road.

Are all drivers legally required to stop for School Crossing Patrols?

It is an offence under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984, for a driver to fail to stop for a School Crossing Patrol wearing the official uniform and displaying the patrol stop sign. It is also an offence for a driver to move off whilst the Patrol is still on the road

You can help School Crossing Patrols:

As a driver:

- When approaching a patrol slow down and be prepared to stop if the sign is raised;
- Do not park near or on the crossing point as you could obstruct the patrol's view or prevent them from safely stepping out;
- Remember that failing to stop when asked to do so is an offence and offenders are always reported to the police and this could result in prosecution.

As a parent:

- If you need to cross in the near vicinity to a patrol point, please set a good example to the children by crossing with the patrol. Also, please be aware that lack of use may result in losing the School Crossing Patrol facility.

Things to tell your children about how to cross with a School Crossing Patrol:

1. Walk on the footway to the crossing point
2. Tell the Patrol you would like to cross
3. Wait away from the kerb, on the footway
4. Stay on the footway while the Patrol checks it is safe, stops the traffic and then walks to the centre of the road
5. Cross when the Patrol says you can
6. Walk across the road in a straight line (do not run)
7. Always cross in front of the Patrol, never behind their back
8. If you are on a bike or scooter you will need to get off and push it across the road



Thank you